

**NEVADA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**SECTION 5**  
**REGISTRATION, TRANSFERS AND RECRUITING**

**5:01:00 INTRODUCTION:**

5:01:01 The registration policy as given in [USYS Players and Playing Rules](#) applies to NYSA and its members, with the following additions and clarification.

5:01:02 The purpose of registration is to establish that the player, coach, or official concerned is a registered member of USYS and NYSA, and as such, is eligible for coverage under the NYSA medical insurance policy when participating in any USYS or NYSA sanctioned event(s). Registration also brings the players, coaches, and officials under the authority of USYS and NYSA for the purposes of organizing youth soccer.

**5:02:00 REGISTRATION:**

5:02:01 Each Member Organization shall annually register with Nevada Youth Soccer, every player, coach, trainer, manager, and administrator that is sponsored, financed, coached, organized or administered by that Member Association who will be participating in Nevada Youth Soccer activities, as required by USSF.

5:02:02 Players must be registered with NYSA prior to start of play in competition. Players register by completion of online registration using the registration application employed by NYSA and by making the appropriate payment of \$32 for players 11U and above and \$11 for players 10U and below and the TOPSoccer program. A player is considered registered when the online registration is completed with their club, league or state pool team which must include the USYSNV membership form. Player cards displaying the USYS or NYSA logo may only be issued by NYSA and are the only cards that may be used for the purpose of travel and tournaments.

5:02:03 For players eighteen (18) years of age or older, the player or guardian may complete online registration. For players under the age of eighteen (18), the player's parent or legal guardian is to complete the online registration.

5:02:04 All registered members are required to have a passport style photo attached to their profile and other required documents such as registration fee(s), medical waiver, etc. Member organizations are responsible for fulfilling proof of age criteria prior to any player participating in any sanctioned league, tournament, game, etc. Proof of age criteria are as defined by the USYS Players and Playing Rules. Proof of age shall consist of one (1) of the following:

1. Original birth certificate
2. Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States
3. Birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records
4. Passport
5. An alien registration card issued by the United States Government

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6. A certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age
7. Current driver's license
8. Unexpired federal, state or local government identification card or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency.

Hospital, baptismal, or religious certificates will **not** be accepted.

- 5:02:05 For players registering to play 11U and above, a completed and accepted USYS membership registration binds that player to that team for the seasonal year unless the player is granted a transfer or release in accordance with section 5:06:00.
- 5:02:06 NYSA does not allow players to register simultaneously on more than one affiliated youth team with the exception of ODP teams, and teams participating in small-sided competitions.
- 5:02:07 A player is not allowed to play up more than two (2) age groups without the approval of the NYSA board.
- 5:02:08 Teams and players must be registered with NYSA on or before September 15 of each year to be eligible to compete in the National Championship Series (State Cup), President's Cup, affiliated league competition, and any other competitions or programs offered or sanctioned by NYSA. Those teams not registered by September 15<sup>th</sup> will be ineligible for the programs.

Individual players who were not registered with any team in any sanctioning organization who are added after this date may be eligible for NYSA programs and competitions if approved by the NYSA Office. Teams who have either transitionally not been a part of NYSA in the past or have not previously competed in State Cup or other NYSA programs, and register after this date, may be determined to be eligible if approved by the NYSA office.

### 5:03:00 **TEAM REGISTRATION:**

- 5:03:01 An 11U-12U team shall consist of no less than six (6) or no more than sixteen (16) registered players. A 13U-14U team shall consist of no less than seven (7) or no more than eighteen (18) registered players unless otherwise defined by USYS leagues. A 15U-19U team shall consist of no less than seven (7) or no more than twenty-two (22) registered players unless otherwise defined by USYS leagues.
- 5:03:02 No team shall be registered unless the following has been completed:
- A. Six (6) or more players have completed on-line registration for 11U-12U
  - B. Seven (7) or more players have completed on-line registration for 13U-19U
  - C. The team head coach has completed on-line registration, successfully completed a biennial background check and annual SafeSport certification.

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- 5:03:03 Proof of age criteria are as defined by the [USYS Players and Playing Rules](#). For definition, see 5:02:04.
- 5:04:00 **AGE LIMIT DEFINITION:**
- 5:04:01 The term “youth” as applied to the CBP, shall mean an amateur player who has not reached the age of nineteen (19) years before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current seasonal year, and has not signed an adult registration form.
- 5:04:02 Birth year will be the only determinant for youth team registration (players born from January 1 to December 31 of the same calendar year).
- 5:05:00 **PLAYER RELEASE AND TRANSFER:**
- 5:05:01 Player release and transfers apply to players 11U and above and 10U and above in Northern Nevada. A transfer is defined as the addition to a team roster of a currently registered player that was previously rostered with another team during the seasonal year. The fee for a transfer is \$50.00 and does not apply to those previously registered to a dissolved team.
- 5:05:02 Transfer Committee:
- A.) NYSA is to establish a transfer committee to decide on release and transfer requests that require interpretation of the policy or are not covered by the policy. The Committee is to be chaired by the NYSA Executive Director in addition to no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) NYSA board or members.
- 5:05:03 NYSA will not take in to consideration fees owed by the player to a team or club in deciding whether to execute a release or transfer.
- 5:05:04 A player registers to a team for a seasonal year. Players are expected to remain with their team for the seasonal year but may be released or transferred by submitting the following to the State Registrar (see 5:12:05):
- A. Any player movement outside of the registered club will be considered a transfer and require:
- i. Completed Player Action Form
    - For a transfer: Complete Section II with both the releasing and accepting coach’s signature
    - For a release: Complete Section I with the releasing coach’s signature
  - ii. Player Pass
  - iii. Transfer Fee
- 5:05:05 To be eligible for State Cup, a completed Player Action Form must be submitted in person or electronically to the State Registrar by 11:59pm on December 15<sup>th</sup>

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5:05:06 Player Action Forms that are submitted, but incomplete will be considered a contested transfer. Once received by the State Registrar, the releasing coach will have 72 hours to submit a legitimate reason for contesting. A hearing will be scheduled with the Transfer Committee for legitimate contested transfers.

5:05:07 The State Registrar or Northern State Registrar is to release or transfer a player, at the request of the parent or legal guardian from their registered team, unless such a release or transfer would leave the team with a roster of less than seven (7) players for teams ages 13U and above, or less than six (6) players for 11U - 12U - minimum roster size rule.

- A. Team officials are not permitted to release a player solely for the purposes of creating a vacant roster position to be filled by another player. However, a club may release a player from the team roster without the permission of the player's parent or legal guardian in the following circumstances;
  - i. Dissolution of the team. A dissolved team is defined as a team that has been registered and has been playing, but ceases to exist with the current minimum roster size requirement or to the satisfaction of NYSA, before the end of seasonal year.
    - There will be no transfer fee for a player to transfer from a dissolved team.
  - ii. The player has relocated from the area and can no longer participate.
  - iii. The player has a medical condition that prevents safe participation.
  - iv. Unacceptable behavior. The player exhibits repeated unacceptable behavior including but not restricted to, inappropriate conduct on the field of play and/or at practices, or violence towards other players on the team.
  - v. Repeated failure to appear for scheduled practices and/or games.
- B. Such releases will be considered as "uncontested". The State Registrar is to release the player from their registered team, provided that the club officials can provide satisfactory written evidence of the circumstance. Please note, that all instances of a release may not be listed herein and are solely determined at the discretion of NYSA.
- C. The player will be placed into the NYSA state player pool until the parent or legal guardian requests a move with the State Registrar. The move will not count against the new teams National Championship Series roster transfer limit of five (5) and will not require an appeal to the transfer committee unless section 5:06:04(D)(iv) applies.

### 5:07:00 **OTHER ISSUES:**

5:07:01 If a player signs with the NYSA player pool, no transfer fee will be charged if the player registers with a team for the remainder of the seasonal year.

5:07:02 A player may leave a competitive team and go to a recreational player pool or team at any time during the seasonal year.

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- 5:06:03 A coach that voluntarily leaves a team after the start of the seasonal year (August 1<sup>st</sup>) may not coach a team in the same age group of the age group above during State Cup.
- 5:06:04 Teams with five (5) or more transfers from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the State Cup roster freeze will not be eligible to participate in State Cup.

### 5:08:00 **ADDING PLAYERS:**

- 5:08:01 A previously unregistered player may be added to a team roster at any time so long as the player does not exceed the roster limit.

### 5:09:00 **PLAYING WITH PROFESSIONALS:**

- 5:09:01 Any NYSA registered player, playing with a professional team, shall be declared a professional player and shall lose all privileges of youth amateur status.
- 5:09:02 The NYSA BOD may grant an amateur player permission to play in a benefit or exhibition match only, where professional players are involved. Permission must be requested in writing.
- 5:09:03 A player who has signed a letter of intent, a contract, or played in any match where professional players are involved, without prior permission of the NYSA BOD, will not be reinstated to youth amateur status.

### 5:10:00 **ADULT MATCHES:**

- 5:10:01 The rules for youth soccer players playing in adult games are covered in the [USYS Players and Playing Rules Policy](#).

### 5:11:00 **GUEST PLAYING:**

- 5:11:01 A team that wants a player from another club to guest play for them in a tournament must first obtain permission from the player's club before any contact can be made with the player.
- 5:11:02 Permission for a player to guest play on a team they are not registered with is obtained by submitting a fully completed [Player Action Form, section III](#), to the NYSA Registrar or in northern Nevada; the Northern Registrar or Northern Vice President. The NYSA registrar will sign as the lending coach for tournament guest playing of NYSA state pool players.

### 5:12:00 **TAMPERING, RECRUITMENT AND INDUCEMENT:**

- 5:12:01 Poaching is considered a significant offense by this association and any representative, individual, team, club, or organization found to have committed a poaching violation shall be subject to sanctions as determined by the discipline, protest and appeals committee. No member shall, without the written permission from the player's current club:

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- A. Have direct communication with a player from outside their organization (Player contact includes, but is not limited to text messages, phone calls, emails, social media, and other written communication);
- B. interfere or attempt to interfere with the status of any NYSA player presently registered with another team;
- C. discuss future registration (beyond the current seasonal year) with an NYSA player presently registered with another team.
- D. Practice any soccer related activities with any registered NYSA player of another team or club for the purposes of recruiting or evaluating.

5:12:02 No officer, official, trainer, administrator, coach, player or representative of any such person, club or team, may offer any NYSA registered player(s), any inducement in an attempt to recruit a player to play on any team, for any purpose or reason. Inducements that would be considered unethical, and therefore a violation of this policy, would include, but are not necessarily limited to: free or discounted travel costs, cash bonuses, high school or college scholarships, equipment, freedom from coaching fees where all other members of the team/club pay coaching fees, other than in proven cases of financial hardship, etc.

5:12:03 Players Soliciting Clubs:  
If a player registered to a member club or league within NYSA is seeking other options outside of the defined tryout window to another member team within NYSA, they have the right to do so. However, it is the responsibility of that member to receive written permission from their current club prior to seeking these options. Once written permission is received, from their current club, the member may speak to any other NYSA team. Players are defined as players themselves, players' parents, players' guardians and players' siblings.

5:12:04 Clubs Soliciting Players:  
No representative of a member Association within NYSA shall be permitted to INITIATE contact, in any form or method, for registration to their club or team outside of defined tryout /evaluation window. Representatives of a member association are defined as board members, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, parents, players' parents, players' guardians, players' siblings, players themselves or a registered member of that club or league.

5:12:05 Club or League Official Response to a Player Approach:  
If a coach is approached by a player or a player's parent from another team concerning potential transfer to the coach's team, without written permission from the players' current club, the correct course of action is for the coach to refuse to discuss the matter and direct the player/guardian to contact the state office for any further questions. Any alternative course of action taken by the coach may be considered as tampering or inducement.

5:12:06 Ignorance of the policy is not an excuse, and all reasonable efforts should be made to comply with the spirit of the policy.